

January 8, 2015

Mr. Terracciano opened the meeting at 7:01 pm with the reading of the Open Public Meeting Law.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Terracciano, Mr. Poandl, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Crede, Mr. Kranz, Mrs. Schueler, Mr. Greco, Mrs. Hamrah, Mr. Kaplan

Absent: Mrs. Dinger

Guests: Carol Terracciano, Ron DiMura, Jillian Breckenridge, Glenn Breckenridge, Cathy Rudowski, Kyle Terracciano, Matthew Lucettchau.

Mr. Terracciano made a motion to accept the old business minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Poandl and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Terracciano, Mr. Poandl, Mr. Crede, Mrs. Schueler, Mr. Kranz and Mrs. Hamrah Nos.: None. Abstain:

Old Business:

Mr. Terracciano said he is still looking into opening a Facebook account.

Publicity:

None

Finances:

None

The Swim Pool Commission asked Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Greco to find out why the interest is coming out of the account?

Mr. Terracciano would like to know if the Recreation department is have interest withdrawn from their bank account as well.

Mrs. Schueler said the Middlesex Borough is making money off of our bond by taking our money arbitrarily.

Mrs. Schueler said the Middlesex Borough was taking \$25,000.00 out of our pool account. The Middlesex Borough was taking our interest as well.

Mr. Kaplan said there is a written policy to take the interest for the checks and paper work. Mr. Kaplan said he would get the bond portion of the interest money back.

Mrs. Schueler said for the Middlesex Borough to stop taking interest from the Swim Pool and to send us a bill of the fees we own them for the work they do.

Mr. Kaplan said he will talk to the council and come up with fees for the Swim Pool Commission.

Mrs. Schueler said the Recreation Department is also a commission and is funded by the borough.

Mr. Kaplan said that the pool is self-sustaining entity.

Mr. Terracciano said that pool would like an itemized bill for all the work completed at borough.

Mrs. Schueler said that the financials need to be done in a timely meeting.

Council Liaison:

Mr. Greco said they will be meeting with the auditor.

Mr. Greco said the Mayor sent out recommendations for the swim pool fees.

Mr. Terracciano said that swim pool can vote on fees and can have the fee the swim pool would like. Then the borough can approve what the Swim Pool Commission request for the increase that is brought to the council.

Mr. Terracciano said now the Swim Pool Commission cannot set fees. The fees have to be passed by the borough and the borough sets the fees.

Mr. Crede said the Recreation Department can set their own fees that is funded by the borough.

Mr. Kaplan said that the Recreation department fees are voted on by the council.

The Mayor proposed to increase of \$12 and \$19 increase.

Mr. Kranz said it has been 20 years since the senior's rates have been raised.

Mr. Kaplan said that there needs to be a sliding scale.

Mr. Terracciano said it was voted down 3 to 2.

Mr. Kaplan did vote yes to raise the rates of the seniors.

Mr. Kaplan said he did not find the raise to be excessive. Mr. Kaplan felt that what the pool submitted was warranted across the board.

Mr. Terracciano said that the council wanted

Mr. Terracciano said that family and single rates have been raised 3 to 4 times over 20 years. The senior rates have not changed.

Mrs. Schueler said a person who joins the pool as a single membership age of 61 would be pay \$125 before April 15 and \$145 after April 15.

Mr. Kaplan asked why Mr. Greco why he voted no.

Mr. Greco said that he would rather phase in the increase to the seniors.

Mrs. Schueler asked if a \$10 increase will get the vote of the council.

Mr. Terracciano proposed to raise the resident seniors by \$10.00. Resident family and singles will be increased by \$15.00. Non-resident family, singles, and seniors \$15.00. It was seconded by all.

New Business:

Mr. Terracciano made a motion to hire Mr. Grimm as the Pool Manager. It was seconded by Mrs. Schueler and all were in favor.

Mr. Terracciano made a motion to hire Katie Bird as the Secretary. It was seconded by Mrs. Schueler and all were in favor.

Mr. Crede nominated Mr. Terracciano as chairman. It was seconded by Mr. Poandl and all were in favor.

Mr. Terracciano nominated Mrs. Schueler as Publicity.

Mr. Terracciano nominated Mr. Poandl as Council Liaison.

Mr. Terracciano nominated Mrs. Hamrah as Staff liaison.

Mr. Terracciano nominated Mrs. Dinger as Financial Advisor.

Mr. Terracciano nominated Mr. Crede as Building & Grounds.

Mr. Terracciano nominated Mr. Kranz as Vice President and Technology.

Building and Grounds:

Lap pool has been dug.

Mr. Grimm:

Mr. Grimm email the coach from Somerset Valley YMCA about coaching long course this summer. He will let you know if he gets in contact with them.

Mr. Grimm said he will be starting the hiring process of the returning staff.

Mr. Grimm said he is waiting to hear from the state about minimal wages.

Mr. Grimm said that needs to know when to go out to print with the pool pamphlets.

Ms. Bird said at least by the end of January 2015. To go out to mail March 1st.

Mr. Grimm said the pool cover has not gone on the large pool yet. That is the responsibility of Jamali.

The New Pool Project:

Mr. Grimm said Jamali connected the drains around the pool to the pump house. Right now some of the drains do go to a ditch. They will be tied into the whole line in the end.

Mr. Crede said Jamali started putting fill dirt with stones in around the big pool.

Mr. Grimm said he has noted that Jamali was putting dirt back in around the pool.

Mr. Grimm said if anyone needs dirt that the pool has dirt that can be used. Just come down to the pool and they will fill your truck.

Mr. Crede said that the dirt has be test. He asked who has a copy of the dirt testing.
Mr. Kranz said the soil 84% sand.

Mr. Terracciano said that the Swim Pool Commission has not gotten anything in writing from the borough about where all the extra dirt is going to go.

Mr. Terracciano would like in writing that the extra dirt can either leave town or where it is going to be used at.

Mr. Kaplan spoke to the mayor about putting the dirt on the old land fill by borough hall. They are just waiting to hear back from the state after the testing they just did there. Once they hear back from the state and they say it is fine to put the soil. Mr. Kaplan said it could be used for cap on the land fill or it can just be stored there for the time being.

Mr. Kranz said that the dirt from the pool is a sandy dirt. It cannot be used as a cap to the landfill. The dirt is really clean good for homeowners.

Mr. Grimm said there is urgency to get the dirt removed from the pool to continue with the project.

Mr. Kaplan asked what happened to putting the dirt between 2nd and 3Rd Street.
Mr. Grimm said the DPW came by and told them to stop dumping dirt there.

Mr. Kranz said that pool needs to be surveyed. When they dug up the asphalt they dug up the markers and the depth of the pool needs to be measured.

Mr. Grimm asked Ben Hanbicki what the time line of the project.
Ben Hanbicki told Mr. Grimm that he hoped within the next 3 to 4 weeks Vision pools will be able to get in to install plumbing. Once the plumbing is done they will tent hole and start installing steel and shoot the concrete.

Mr. Grimm's main question to Ben Hanbicki was will the pool be read to open come Memorial Day weekend .Mr. Grimm said that Ben Hanbicki ensured him that the large pool kiddy pool and grass will be done. He said even if he has to remove Jamali from the project, he has other contractors lined up and ready to work to complete this job. The bond was taken out and the bond company will pay it all.

Lawyer sent Ben Hanbicki information about writing the letter to Jamali. Mr. Grimm will check in with Ben Hanbicki to see if the letter was ever sent to Jamali.

Public Comment:

Carol Terracciano 429 Edgeworth Street, Middlesex NJ 08846

Longtime resident of the town and longtime member of the pool.

First I would like to thank the pool commission and management team for their work and perseverance for the project. I know it has not been an easy road. I would like to thank you for your holistic approach to provide our community with an improved facility and recreation alternatives, something that is lacking in our town with our seniors and you people in the town.

Carol asked when the lap pool will be completed.

Mr. Terracciano said hopefully before the swim team meets for their first meet.

I would like to say as a member and a resident that I am whole heartedly disappointed in the lack of support from the Borough Mayor and Council. From just what I heard tonight shows me extreme favoritism toward demographics certain residential area, and total lack and sense of urgency for permits and project decisions involving dirt. After tonight on the charges and finances I am ashamed of Middlesex and we may end up on the 6 o'clock news. The other thing I will say about this town it is a small town everybody knows everybody. You don't have to check minutes or websites to find out what is going on because small towns love to chat and I love to chat.

Kyle Terracciano 429 Edgeworth Street, Middlesex, NJ 08846.

Assistant swim coach to the Middlesex Water Wrats. I would just like to say in light of the negative attention the project is getting just because there is not 80-90 swim team families here at the meeting tonight. That we have got a lot of positive feedback from people this summer and are waiting for the pool for this summer.

Kathy Rudowski 437 Cook Ave, Middlesex, NJ 0846

Longtime member of the pool we have been involved with the team. I can tell you as parent liaison to the team the number I got over the summer and number of emails I have received since summer ended about if the pool will be ready for the season. Cathy Rudowski said she had a swim team parent email her from a winter swim team that is swimming at Raritan Valley who it trying to recruit for the swim team. The parent has been talking about the new lap pool. The

parent does not live in Middlesex. The parent lives in Bridgewater and has heard that 5 to 6 families that are trying to stop every avenue of what the commission is doing with the pool. That the Mayor and council are not supportive with the project and that the pool may not open.

Mrs. Rudowski has said that she has heard that the Mayor has been giving into the 5 to 6 families to give them what they want however they want it.

Mr. Rudowski said as a member of the pool she wants to support any way she can. She agrees with Carol the fact that you cannot raise senior rates. Every time you turn around someone is telling you that you can't do and shouldn't do and is being told okay. She is upset that the Mayor is not here to hear this himself bothers her.

Mrs. Rudowski wants to know what she can do to move things forward as a member of town and a member of the pool to move things ahead.

Mr. Crede said regarding the 5 to 6 families in town that were giving us a hard time, have seemed to back off and accepted that the competition pool is going in.

Mr. Crede said that the pool does have support from the Mayor and council. It might not be as clear as the commission would like them to be at times.

Mr. Grimm said the pool is going in.

Mr. Grimm said what you can do to help is to let the people know by showing them a photo or telling them the hole has been dug and where it is going to go.

Mr. Grimm said that he plans to open on time.

Mr. Crede said that the kiddy pool is done. It is hard to see with the trailers in the way. The coping is on and the finishing touches just need to be done in the spring time.

Mr. Kranz said that there are people on the council who are supporters and other who are not who have put up road blocks along the way.

Kathy Rudowski said what bothered her the most is that an out of town resident has this perception of what is going on in the borough.

Mr. Kranz said that everyone has been operating by hear say. What they need to is operate by information that comes from somebody that is involved.

Mr. Kranz said that you can email the lady from Bridgewater to let her know that we do have the support from the town.

Mr. Grimm said hard work in terms of the existing facility is done. They just need to finish pouring concrete.

The kiddy pool is rebuilt, and just need to be resurfaced and have a surface like the large pool and new features as well.

Carol appreciates the positive comments about the council.

Carol would like to have a lot of publicity around the new pool.
The pool is not ready to plan an open house at this point.

Mr. Kaplan said one of the council members pushed to have the \$25,000 given back to the pool.

Mr. Kaplan said that he will be looking into making a bill for the pool so that they know what services are being paid for.

Carol said that when she looks at pervious minutes and rate submissions letters that were dated back in August and now coming up in January 2015 she says she a little skeptical.

Mr. Kaplan said it came down to the wire and should have been addressed earlier in the year.

Carol asked about the new council members and asked how familiar they are with the situation that is at hand.

Mr. Kaplan said that Mr. Greco was working with the new council members to bring them up to speed with what is currently going on. Mr. Kaplan said that he will reach out to them as well.

Carol said that she appreciates the seniors and understand that they live on a fixed income. She finds that what the pool commission is asking for is reasonable. She also thinks that there are a number of families that belong to the pool that are not seniors that are residents, tax payers and voters.

Mr. Kaplan agrees with Carol. He says it's a small increase for the year of \$35.00.
Carol applauded the pool for being fiscally responsible for themselves.

Kathy asked if what was said earlier about the pool being its own entity and a state commission going to go back to the council meeting. Why the borough council has the right to approve everything.

There is a copy of the ordinance that the attorney forwarded to the council.

It is a state ordinance that it cannot be changed without approval from council. 40:61-22-24
The state can override any ordinance.

Mr. Terracciano said if more residents in the town joined the pool we would not have an issues with the outside rates. The pool membership gets opened up to residents and does not get opened up to non-residents until May.

Mr. Terracciano made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. It was seconded by Mr. Kranz and all were in favor. Next meeting will be held at the Middlesex Public Library at 7:00 pm on February 12, 2015

Respectfully Submitted

By: Secretary, Katie Bird